

Table 23 B. Food Security by Economic Characteristics: Households with Ability to Afford Balanced Meals, No Skipped Meals, Not Eating Less, and Not Skipping Food for Day: 1998
(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristics	Total Households	Afford balanced meals	No skipped meals	Not eating less	Not skipping food for day
		Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
All households					
Total	102,652	90.3	95.6	95.4	98.8
Household income quintile					
Lowest quintile	20,520	78.9	89.3	89.2	96.7
2nd quintile	20,527	86.9	94.3	93.7	98.5
3rd quintile	20,538	92.1	96.4	96.4	99.2
4th quintile	20,530	95.7	98.4	98.2	99.7
Highest quintile	20,533	97.8	99.5	99.6	99.9
Household poverty					
Income below poverty	12,648	72.0	86.0	85.4	95.2
Income above poverty	90,003	92.9	97.0	96.8	99.3
Education of householder					
Not high school graduate	17,744	81.3	92.4	91.9	97.7
High school graduate	31,111	89.7	95.4	95.0	98.7
Some college	29,009	91.2	95.4	95.2	98.8
Bachelors or higher	24,788	96.5	98.4	98.6	99.8
Occupation of householder					
Executive	10,912	95.6	98.2	97.9	99.9
Professional	11,394	95.5	98.1	98.3	99.7
Technical	2,321	95.2	97.3	96.9	99.2
Sales	7,956	92.9	96.2	95.9	99.2
Administrative support	9,301	90.5	94.4	94.6	98.8
Service	8,352	85.0	93.4	93.0	97.8
Farm	1,899	88.6	96.4	95.5	99.1
Craft	8,663	91.7	96.3	96.0	98.8
Labor	10,261	88.7	95.3	95.0	98.6
Region					
Northeast	19,808	91.0	96.0	95.8	98.6
Midwest	25,144	91.8	95.7	95.6	99.2
South	36,086	89.7	96.0	95.7	99.0
West	21,614	88.9	94.5	94.4	98.3
Metropolitan status					
Central City	13,104	85.4	92.0	92.2	97.6
Metropolitan, outside central city	72,974	91.2	96.0	95.8	99.0
Non-metropolitan	16,573	90.3	96.5	96.2	99.1

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